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C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 03342

DEPT FOR EA/ROC

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : CGEN TW: BRITISH INTERESTS
SUBJECT : DISTRESSED BRITISH SUBJECTS

1. TAIPEI CONOFF MET ON 18 MAY 78 WITH HONG KONG
IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES IN HONG KONG CONCERNING BRITISH
CONSULAR WORK HANDLED BY AMERICAN EMBASSY IN TAIPEI.
HONG KONG IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES ARE UNDER IMPRESSION
THAT THE PASSPORT DIVISION WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
DISTRESSED BRITISH SUBJECTS INCLUDING REPATRIATION
WHEREVER NECESSARY AND AUTHORIZED.

2. NOTE NO. 105 FROM BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO
DEPARTMENT (NOTAL) STATES THAT MATTERS RELATING TO
DISTRESSED BRITISH SUBJECTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE
REPORTED TO TOKYO. NOTE 178, DATED 17 AUGUST 77 (NOTAL),
HOWEVER, INFORMS THE DEPARTMENT "THAT ALL ASPECTS OF
BRITISH CONSULAR WORK SHOULD...BE REPORTED...TO THE
DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION IN HONG KONG."

3. FOR DEPARTMENT:

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(A) PLEASE CONFIRM WITH BRITISH EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, THAT
ALL ASPECTS OF BRITISH CONSULAR WORK INCLUDING DISTRESSED
BRITISH SUBJECTS HANDLED BY AMEMBASSY TAIPEI IS TO BE
COORDINATED HONG KONG IMMIGRATION RATHER THAN BRITISH
EMBASSY, TOKYO.

(B) IN ADDITION, EMBASSY, TAIPEI, WOULD APPRECIATE
GUIDANCE WITH REGARD TO DESTITUTE BRITISH SUBJECTS:

THERE IS NO PLACE IN TAIWAN (SUCH AS A SALVATION ARMY HOSTEL) WHERE INDIGENTS CAN BE HOUSED AND/OR FED FREE OF CHARGE. CAN BRITISH AUTHORITIES PROVIDE A SUM OF MONEY TO EMBASSY, TAIPEI, TO BE ADVANCED TO BRITISH SUBJECTS IN DISTRESS?

(C) WHAT ARE PROCEDURES TO BE USED TO REQUEST REPATRIATION OF BRITISH SUBJECTS TO U.K.? (HONG KONG IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES INDICATED LAST WEEK THAT INSTRUCTIONS ON REPATRIATION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING "AT LATER DATE".)

(D) CAN NOT BRITISH CONSULAR AUTHORITIES (SUCH AS PASSPORT DIVISION OF HONG KONG IMMIGRATION) ARRANGE FOR REPATRIATION OF ANY DISTRESSED BRITISH SUBJECTS TO HONG KONG WHILE ULTIMATE REPATRIATION TO U.K. IS ARRANGED? DEPARTMENT PLEASE RAISE THIS QUESTION WITH BRITISH EMBASSY AT WASHINGTON.

4. FOR HONG KONG AND TOKYO: THE FOREGOING IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY; NO ACTION IS REQUESTED AT THIS TIME.
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